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Public Input: Vermonters Encouraged to Give Feedback on Next State Plan on Aging

The Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living (DAIL) is developing the next State Plan on Aging, a guiding document that outlines how the State of Vermont and the network of Agencies on Aging and service providers will strive to meet the changing needs of older Vermonters over time. The draft plan is online at: <http://asd.vermont.gov/> under "Latest News."

As Vermont's population grows older, how we are aging is evolving, and the needs and desires of the Baby Boomer generation are different than those before them. With advances in medicine, higher rates of education, and improvements in housing and public health among other factors, we are living longer, with average life expectancy now 80.5 in Vermont, and many living well into their 80s and 90s. A cohort of older Vermonters have multiple chronic conditions and complex medical needs and will likely need significant supports from family caregivers and long-term care programs; and a growing cohort of Vermonters are aging in good health, physically and mentally active, working longer, and seeking engagement with the world long after so-called retirement. No matter where we are on the spectrum of aging, how can we make Vermont a place where everyone can truly age well?

We welcome your input! The public comment period begins Monday, April 9, 2018 and is open through Friday, April 27, 2018.

Written comments can be submitted electronically to Angela Smith-Dieng at our State Unit on Aging at: angela.smith-dieng@vermont.gov or by mail to: Angela Smith-Dieng, Department of Disabilities, Aging and Independent Living, Adult Services Division, 280 State Drive HC 2 South, Waterbury, VT 05671-0270. Please direct any questions to Angela at (802) 241-0309.

An in-person session for the public to provide comments will be held as part of the DAIL Advisory Board Meeting on Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 12:30p.m. in the Cherry Conference Room at the Waterbury State Office Complex. All are welcome. Please RSVP by April 11 to Liz Perreault at liz.perreault@vermont.gov or (802) 241-0362.

About the Department of Disabilities, Aging & Independent Living (DAIL):

Our mission is to make Vermont the best state in which to grow old or to live with a disability - with dignity, respect and independence.

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